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1.(SBU) Ambassador made reftel demarche Sept. 22 to Djiboutian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Ali Youssouf urging recognition of Kosovo prior to UNGA. Youssouf asked how many countries had already recognized Kosovo and appeared favorably surprised to learn there were 62. Commenting that Djibouti rarely takes the lead on international issues but rather "joins the consensus eventually," Youssouf assured Ambassador that it is "just a matter of time" before Djibouti also recognized Kosovo. He declined to predict, however, when that would be.

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